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PRINCETON NJ 1200 NO. N JUNE 1 1927

DR ROBERT E SPEER

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVE YOU AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOUND ANY JUST CAUSE
AGAINST THESE MEN MACHEN AND ALLIS WHY THEY SHOULD NOT
BE MADE PROFESSORS OR DO YOU ADMIT AMONG YOURSELVES THAT
IT IS SIMPLY PERSONAL DISLIKE OF STEVENSON AND ERDMAN CHRIST
TOO WAS TRIED UNJUSTLY BLESSED ARE MACHEN AND ALLIS FOR
MEN HAVE ABUSED THEM AND SAID ALL MANNER OF EVIL

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SUITE 4521, LOCAL 363

AGAINST THEM FALSELY I DID THINK YOU WOULD BE FAIR TO US
I KNEW THOMPSON WAS AN UNJUST STEWARD HAVENT WE A RIGHT ONE
CONSERVATIVE SEMINARY ONE LITTLE EWE LAMB OH MR SPEER HOW
CAN YOU GOOD MEN BE SO UNFAIR

SARAH BRUCE WILSON

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Memoranda 2

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Resolutions

- A. The undersigned members of the Faculty hereby withdraw and express our regret for all statements which we have made which have seemed to our fellowmembers of the Faculty to be unjust or unkind or untrue, and we assure the Directors of our purpose and determination to maintain peace and harmony and concord in our personal and official relations in the work of the Seminary.
- B. Members of the Board of Directors hereby withdraw and express our regret for all statements which we have ~~(may have)~~ made which have seemed to our fellow-workers in the Seminary to be unjust or unkind or untrue, and we declare our purpose and determination to maintain peace and harmony and concord in our personal and official relations in the work of the Seminary.
- C. TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Brethren:-

The General Assembly which met at Tulsa instructed the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary "to proceed immediately to compose the differences at the Seminary, and to make a full report on these instructions to the next General Assembly."

The Board of Directors, earnestly desirous of obeying the mandate of the Assembly, is meeting in special session at the first opportunity to begin this work. At this first meeting, the Board of Directors, in brotherly spirit and with a sincere desire to remove any misunderstandings and to compose any differences, does hereby invite the Board of Trustees to cooperate with it in its efforts to carry out the instructions of the Assembly.

That there may be no loss of time and that the Board of Directors may manifest its earnest desire to remove any causes of misunderstanding and friction between the Boards which may be found to exist, a committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of

has been appointed to confer with a committee appointed by the

by the Board of Trustees, if it seems good to your Board to appoint such a committee for conference. This action of the Board of Directors is taken with the single and sincere hope and prayer that all differences may be adjusted, and that the future relations between these Boards may be hearty and cordial, and such as to enable the two Boards to work together for the advancement of the interests of the Seminary and the Kingdom of God.

In all courtesy and brotherly love, the Board of Directors greets the Board of Trustees, and earnestly invites it to cooperate in the effort to remove any cause of misunderstanding and friction between the two Boards which may be found to exist.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the following letter (see above) be addressed to the Board of Trustees, and that we hereby request the President to appoint the conference committee therein mentioned.

4. That the President of the Board be requested to appoint committees to consider suitable persons for the chairs vacant and to become vacant at the close of the Seminary year.

5. That provision be made for more frequent thorough visitations and examinations by the members of this Board.

The Board of Directors ordered that a simple explanatory word should accompany its action with reference to the statement adopted to be sent to Directors and Faculty for signature.

The purpose of this statement is to wipe the slate clean, to leave the past behind and to begin anew. Whatever any one of us may have said or written which has helped to create the situation with which we are dealing and which must be healed, we seek hereby to erase. We say to our fellow workers that we are sorry for any part which we may have had in the misunderstanding and discord and by our signature to this paper we seek to withdraw anything that has caused grief or distress to our brethren (associates in the work of the Seminary) and which they feel to be unjust or unkind or untrue. As brethren to brethren we express our regret and mean now to start afresh. We are not asked to declare anything untrue which we ourselves believe to be true, or in any wise to stultify our conscience. We simply express our desire to recall anything which has grieved our associates or contributed in any measure to the difficulties and the discord which we are under mandate from the General Assembly and our own consciences to remove. We are making the statement in broad general terms without any particulars. We are ready to clear away any specific matters which may be brought to our attention personally. Whatever cause of offense we have given, if any, we desire to remove and to begin now a new era of peace and harmony in our common work.

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Dr. Taliferro Thompson

The Bd. of Directors is unable to accept the validity of the incorporation
position but inasmuch as this dissent is not from the terms of the
required subscription but only from the view of the Board as to the
present status and character ^{of the Bd. and its appearance} ~~of the Bd. and its appearance~~ ~~of the Bd. and its appearance~~

~~Board~~ Board expresses its desire that ~~the~~ ^{he} should continue to

serve as a member of the Bd. awaiting his formal resignation to the

~~Board~~ ^{full} ~~Board~~ upon the ^{full} consideration of the Bd. as a new Bd. of Directors.
subscription funds

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Allis - to min. matter

Vanis - set up "

Stevenson - conference ~~near down~~

Waters - New River camp

Meeker -

Wilson.

Arnold,

Hodge

Wacker.

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Gene

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Landing - 19 to 11

How do the Trustees divide?

Very few in sympathy
with the majority of
the Directors. Do not
know exact number

Would there not be a majority with
Hemenway in the new Combined Board?

Dr Stevenson says no

Dr Lusk says equally
divided

Blk of Directors, Trustees and 9th

The undersigned members of the Society hereby
withdraw and express ^{our} regret for all statements
which we ~~we~~ have made which have seemed to
our fellow members ^{of these Boards or} of the Society to be unjust or
unkind or untrue and we ^{declare} [as the Directors of]
our purpose and determination to maintain
peace and harmony and concord in our personal
and official relations in the work of the Society.

Accepting the mandate of the fact and believing that the essential
approach to be dealt with

Hooper. "Does entirely opposite attitude toward truth a definite
start has in the Greek at large so that no peace between them
either possible or desirable"

Cooper "In my judgment the real ground of the difficulties are
embodied in personalities and so far as they are not embodied
in personalities they are embodied in the lack of that tolerance
which we so strongly claim for ourselves and so promptly deny to
others"

John "The B.S. Director in new words, modeled after the Congress
of difficulties and this is an era of peace at that in
relation"

John "This has appeared to be embodied from the studies of many
persons the paper showing under the first draft which is made
of the matter saying Boston. I am before I go in I report
to the general committee"

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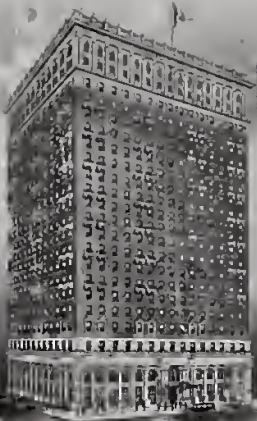
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an aim to reach unity, which has proved an
essential ~~and necessary~~ ~~to the~~ ~~achievement~~.

contributed in any measure to the appreciation of the
discord which we as a body regard from the final
Assembly and our own consciences to denote, ^{as} ~~we~~
making the statement in broad general terms without
any particulars. It is a body to clear away any
specific matters which may be brought to our attention
peaceably. Whatever cause of peace we have seen,
if any, we desire to remove and to begin now a
new era of peace and harmony in our common
work.

A New Suggestion. Resolved:

1. That there ~~shall~~ be no separate meetings of groups or factions either of directors or of members of the faculty or of both. ^{but that} all plans to be made and all discussions be carried on openly and trustfully.
2. That there ~~shall~~ be a joint friendly conference together of the Board of Directors and Trustees to consider our common problem.
3. That a careful statement be prepared to be presented to each member of the faculty and to be accepted by him as a condition of his continuance in the work of the Seminary, setting forth the necessity of reconciliation ^{future} and harmony, and making it plain that it is in the consideration of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and of the Church that peace and unity are both possible and desirable and indispensable.
4. That we have no secrets from one another or from the President of the Seminary and that there be no secret conference from which he is omitted.
5. That any member of the faculty who refuses to be reconciled to us or to pray with any fellow member of the faculty, to advise, quietly and of his own motion, to withdraw from the work of the Seminary.



SIX HUNDRED ROOMS EACH WITH BATH

Among the reasons for the deposit and deposit receipt
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 for a building
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6. That we hereby clearly in mind the statements in both
 cases of our trouble and the occurrence as to the future
 given to the Assembly by Mr. Garfield and Dr. McEwen,
 and scrupulously carry out the instructions therein given,
 and the instructions of the Assembly.

7. That we give earnest heed ^{be given} to the necessity of pro-
 viding the teaching force so sorely needed in the Sec-
 ondary and that we make sure that all new teachers
 are men who believe in maintaining the peace and
 unity of the Church on the basis of our standards and
 historic principles

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| Swearingen | McEwen |
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| A. J. Robinson | |
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| Allison | |
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Dear Friends,

opened

We are known to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 9th -
present a group of six to study the problems now before it
by a study of the fund. ^{to report to the Board} ~~and this group has been~~
drawn as possible a comprehensive plan for meeting the defi-
cients which have arisen and for securing the future
harmony and efficiency of the fund. The group realizes the
gravity of their responsibility and it has not been their
aim to suggest that the fund is a case a simple one.
It recognizes that it contains many hidden and perplex-
ing elements.

But ~~the~~ the group believes that some of the problems
are clear and simple. The solution of the problems in
hand can be found. Questions in hand, within the
bounds of the faculty can be handled and the ^{best} ~~most~~ ^{best}
of the faculty can work together in unity and toward. We
do not know how this can be held about but we

hope that it can not be believed that I meant and we
two members of the group who said this are making but
to ask you please to show this letter to all church ()
you are not - ^{me} ^{as} ^{soon} as ^{as} ^{you} - take the best
in effect a complete reconsideration on the family,
and any expense, ^{some} a program that will
involve. Is this not the right other meeting of church
Matt. 23, 24, and Matt. XVIII 15?
work on education? We do not see that there is not
other things which must be done. We think there are. But
is this not the first thing and if this were done would it
not do to think for cases?

We make this appeal in great consideration and
prayer and humility for the sake of the Rev. and for
the sake of church and its future for Christ's sake.

Your sincere friends

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The origin of our group

Dr. H.T. brought this down on his own hand. Well old and true

But my, those manuscript

2 Our solemn duty.

Lead on in the faith

and to clear mind of the church

4 Our problem a task.

3 Our joy in our group

2 That compromise but cooperation.

2 Our activities - Conflict & division

a
agreement and trust.

4 Our four issues

new Board

new Plan

new financial program. For the new Bd. to determine how

new spirit. Good thing. Begin to see.

Can we not agree now?

5
Rose Borne; wrapped -

by you myself &.

6 Perhaps we can't seem to. But to meet by

and our Anniversary Day

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Resolved that we recommend to the GA

1. That in accordance with the advice of the GA. V 1927 there be a single Board of Trustees of the Seminary
2. That the Assembly direct the present Board of Trustees and Directors to determine and to take what steps are necessary to provide legally ^{such} for a single Bd. ~~Board~~ subject to the specific legal control of the GA.
3. That the new Board be constituted as recommended by the Com. of XI
4. That the Plan of the Sem. be amended as recommended by the Com. of XI and the Prop. of V. of the Bd. of Directors
5. That the Assembly advise the new Board that it is to desire that the Board should endeavor to retain for the Sem. the service of such present Faculty.

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Lee	Dunson
Law	Lytle
Madge	McLary
Minley	Morgan
North	Gray
Dunson	Grave
Spas	Hodge
Bone	Beach
Stecher	Solar
Wicks	R. & B.
Bank & Rimmer	

Vote on my Report Dec 13th, 1928

The undersigned members of the Bd. Directors, in view of the inability of the Bd. to carry out the mandate of the Gen. Assembly 1928 to "compose the department" in the University, recommend that the

1. That in accordance with
the Board

2. That the present Bd. of Directors be dissolved as of the date of this report
to the Assembly

3. That the Bd. be reconstituted in 7 and report Jan. 1931

4. That the Board of Directors be reconstituted as members of the Gen. Assembly and
the faculty of the University

5. That the General Assembly be authorized to do all that is herein set forth and to
authorize the Board of Directors to do all that is herein set forth.

That the undersigned members of the Bd. of Directors in relation to the
daily activities in the activities of _____
regarding the _____ and _____ in the _____
in the _____

n. on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
June 15, 1927

Thomas E. D. Bradley, Esq.,
19 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Bradley:

I am taking it for granted that the members of the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary appointed by the Assembly of 1926 and now made members of the new committee by the Assembly of 1927 do not need any formal notification of their appointment as you were all at the Assembly and were fully apprised of what was done.

I am writing just this note, however, to tell you that I have sent formal notification to the new members of the committee enclosing to them copies of the resolutions as they were finally adopted by the Assembly, and also I want to assure you of my earnest and constant prayer that the committee may be given unerring guidance and that the grace of God may deal, as only God can, with some of the difficulties in the way of the happy solution of the problem. Surely God will answer our prayers and we may look forward to a future for the Seminary far greater and richer than its past.

With warm regard and grateful appreciation of the service which you are rendering the Church, I am,

Ever cordially yours,

RES/B

Com. on Princeton Theo. Seminary

E. T. Warfield

Mr. Speer

Handwritten initials

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 17, 1927.

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JUN 18 1927

Mr. Speer

Handwritten number 3

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Moderator of the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I beg to acknowledge your
courteous response to my request to be
replaced on the Princeton Seminary Com-
mittee by Dr. Maitland Alexander, the
President of the Board of Directors.

I regret your unwillingness to
do this, but of course accept the situation
and the appointment to serve.

With cordial regard and best
wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. T. Warfield

MISS LOU WHITZEL
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

A. L. PETERS
TREASURER

C. B. HENDERSON
CLERK OF SESSION

Arthur H. Limouze
Mr. Speer
W. S. SACKETT
TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCE

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KING AND FORSYTHE AVENUES

TELEPHONE: UNIVERSITY 3912

ARTHUR HENRY LIMOUZE, D. D., MINISTER
MISS LOU WHITZEL, ASSISTANT TO MINISTER

MISS HELEN FUNK, DIRECTOR OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

COLUMBUS, OHIO

JUN - 4 1928

June 2, 1928

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Dr. Thompson told me last night that he would continue to serve. He called me up on my return from the Assembly on Thursday night and was greatly interested when I told him how the Assembly had taken action, practically introducing the point of view of the Committee, and that after the Matthews resolution was adopted. When he heard that we had passed the request that the Committee continue, he said that settled it, as he could not disobey the Assembly. I think he feels a little better but he was very much hurt, principally because the Assembly had rejected a report prepared by such outstanding men as those of the Committee. That is a sensitive spot with him. He said that he did not mind his own feelings but such gentlemen as Bruce, Fox, Ernst and Bradley were, should have more consideration.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

AHL:LW.

Arthur H. Limouze

Mr. Speer

June 4, 1928

The Rev. Arthur R. Limouze, D.D.,
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
Columbus, O.

My dear Dr. Limouze,

It was a great pleasure to receive your reassuring letter of June 2nd. I think Dr. Thompson has much occasion to be encouraged in view of the four or five resolutions that were adopted on Tuesday morning and afternoon. I ought not to think that the General Assembly has rejected the report of its Committee. It has not done so but simply postponed final action until next year. I would not be surprised if the outcome would prove to be that practically all the recommendations of Dr. Thompson's Committee are accepted.

It was a great pleasure to see you at Tulsa, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R.S.C.

W. O. Thompson

Mr. Speer

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
GEORGE W. RICHMIRE, PRESIDENT
COLUMBUS

55 Woodland Ave,

June 2, 1928.

My dear Dr. Speer

It was fine in you to write me as you did from Tulsa. May 30th. Let me assure you of my appreciation and thanks.

Dr. Palmer and Dr. Limouze called last evening and had the Daily Herald containing the several resolutions passed by the Assembly. Dr. Limouze gave a very clear account of the record of May 29th. I have written Dr. Walker, the moderator, asking permission to withdraw my resignations.

I fear that we can not keep Mr Bradley and Judge Fox on the Committee. Mr Bradley has not been well for two years and goes to his office only two days in the week. Judge Fox said his family were urging him to resign as Trustee of the Seminary. He declined absolutely & permit - his name to go on the new board. I shall write him urging him to remain with the Committee until after the next Assembly. I felt hurt that such men as Dr. Prince, Herrick, Bradley & Ernst would by the action of the Assembly even indirectly be reflected upon by the apparent victory of those who had said so many unkind and untrue things. The Assembly on the 29th cleared most of that away. The celebration that evening at Princeton may prove a little premature,

A body of men who have opposed and resisted the Assembly straight through may find it difficult to obey and to follow as fine a spirit as Dr. McEwan. Confidentially. Senator Ernst has written a considerable sum in his will for Princeton. It still stands. It may not do so always. Since last year he has written a Codicil for the Board of Pensions.

With best wishes.

Very cordially
W. D. Thompson,

Mr. Roswell ~~Finney~~ ^{Mr. Speer}

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JUN 15 1928

SECRETARIES

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MAY 21 1928

My dear Dr. Speer, re. Princeton Seminary

First I want to thank

you for the very courteous reply you made to my letter which showed, nevertheless, that you felt I was greatly overestimating the seriousness of conditions existing in the Presbyterian Church today.

Then, will you pardon me for again writing you? I do it because I cannot refrain. My heart has been so filled with consternation, bewilderment and sorrow since we learned from our uncle, who is the elder to represent our Church at Tulsa, that according to literature he has received, Dr. Robert E. Speer stands with Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Erdman in the effort to change Princeton Seminary. It seems so incredible, that in hoping it is a mistake, for what sorrow it

will bring to thousands of loyal Presbyterians if it be true. Our great and good Dr. Speer, a leader who has meant so much to the Church - it seems impossible.

From your letter I know you do not think the crisis at Princeton so serious as it appears to many in the Church but when one thinks of Andover, Union Seminary and other institutions can the Church dare to make it possible that Princeton may go the same way?

To be sure, I don't think it would happen immediately, but how could we hope that Modernism would be kept out, if the real trouble at Princeton has been that Dr. Stevenson wanted to invite "liberal" speakers and teachers to the Seminary, and others there were not willing?

If Dr. Stevenson is orthodox, himself, and simply wanted them to hear what Modernists are teaching, why not ask them to go over to University Chapel and hear some of the men who speak there?

In the year my son has been at the Seminary, Dr. Fordick, Dr. Coffin and other

speakers who are thoroughly Modernistic,
have spoken there.

It means so much to so many in the
Church for if Dr Stevenson wins the day
and is allowed to work his will at Princeton
it will mean that Modernism has
gained control of the Presbyterian Church
and that those who are loyal to the Lord
Jesus Christ must lean it since
Modernism is Satan's plan to
overthrow Christ's kingdom on earth and
we have not the right to support it.

It seems so strange, because the
majority should rule and I think Dr
Mark Matthews estimates that about
ninety per cent of the membership of the
Church is still orthodox and yet the
Modernists are allowed to dominate our
colleges. Why is it?

Perhaps you haven't felt what a deadly
thing it is, as I have.

This is only a mountain town but there
are several strong Methodist churches here
and with the coming of a number of young

men with their Liberal ideas a change
began and now these churches seem
spiritually dead.

Its the same with the services we hear
over the air - We used to hear so many
inspiring sermons. The speakers were so
earnest, they seemed moved by the Spirit
of God. Now, so often, the speakers only
give one a heart-ache, as they exalt man
rather than God.

I find there are many anxious hearts
all over this land, praying that grand
old Princeton may be kept true to the faith
of our fathers, that the money held in trust
may not be misappropriated as has been
done in other institutions.

God is able to deliver, but - I felt - when
you were elected Moderator that God had
called you "for such a time as this" and now,
can you fail those who are trusting you to
lead the forces that are contending for "the
faith which was once delivered unto the saints".

We are praying for you.

Very sincerely
(Mrs Roswell) Julia Vining

Mr. Speer

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June 8, 1928
(Dictated June 5)

Mrs. Roswell Vining
Maplecrest, New York

My dear Mrs. Vining:

re. Princeton Seminary

Your kind letter of May 18th was sent to me at Tulsa to the General Assembly and I thank you very much for your kind and continued interest. I still believe, however, that what I wrote you before is absolutely true, namely - That no member of the Faculty and no member of the Board of Directors at Princeton Seminary, and no member of the General Assembly's Special Committee on Princeton Seminary, has any idea or purpose whatever of moving Princeton away from its traditional doctrinal conviction and its fidelity to the standards of the Presbyterian Church.

So far as the Faculty is concerned the Board of Directors itself three years ago adopted the Report of the Committee of Seven, which states:

"Your committee has found every member of the Faculty entirely loyal to the standards of our Church and to the pledge required by the Seminary; there is no room for doubt or criticism as to the faith or teaching of any professor or instructor in the Seminary."

The statement included of course Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Erdman. Any statement that they are trying to change the loyalty and steadfastness of Princeton Seminary is wholly untrue.

With regard to the Board of Directors, Dr. Farfield, its chief spokesman in the Assembly, mentioned by name as many members of the majority of the Board as its minority in assuring the Assembly of the trustworthiness of the Board and of its members. Not a word was said in the General Assembly impugning the loyalty and fidelity both of the Directors and of the Trustees and of the Faculty. Dr. Farfield in his Minority Report says unequivocally - "In my judgment the root and ground of the difficulties are embodied in personalities, and so far as they are not embodied in personalities, they are embodied in the lack of that tolerance which we so strongly claim for ourselves and so generally deny to others."

With regard to the recommendations of the General Assembly's Committee of Eleven, so far as weakening the foundations

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of the Seminary they propose that they should be strengthened and that the declarations made by all members of the proposed Board of Trustees of the Seminary should be explained as follows:

"Believing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; sincerely receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith of the Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the holy Scriptures; approving of the Government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; promising to study the peace, unity and purity of the Church; and approving the Plan of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, I solemnly declare and promise in the presence of God and of this Board, that I will faithfully endeavor to carry into effect all the articles and provisions of said plan, and to promote the great design of the Seminary."

May one who represents to you that Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Erdman and I and others like us are "modernists" - that is that we do not believe the New Testament through and through is telling you what is untrue.

I shall venture to send you under separate cover a copy of the sermon which I preached at the opening of the General Assembly. This represents my conviction and I do not know how any one can state more explicitly than I have stated here our fundamental, evangelical faith.

Very sincerely yours,

RTS/B

Mrs Roswell Wining

Mr. Speer

Maplecrest, New York

January 18, 1928

Dr Robert E. Speer
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Dr Speer,

Modernism in our colleges
Will you pardon a

stranger for addressing you?

It's because you are Moderator of our great-denomination and I've been praying God would use you to awaken the Church to fight the great-foe within its gates before it is too late.

Until our son entered college we knew little as to the strength of Modernism in our land.

As this son is preparing for the ministry the Presbyterian Board asked us to send him to Wooster rather than to Hamilton College, which is near us - as they did not consider

Hamilton to be orthodox, so we sent him to
Woollet, feeling sure there was no danger
of his being led astray there.

We soon learned that all was not
well there, and later the minister's wife,
in whose home my son stayed during
the four years, wrote me that she felt
all mothers should be warned of
the danger their children were in
that they might do all in their power
to fortify them against it.

Because we knew of the danger we
could ask God to keep our boy from
unbelief and do much to guard him
and God did keep him, but my heart
seems breaking over the fact that
thousands of our young people are
going to our colleges to lose their
faith in Christ - their most precious
possession - and no one seems concerned

over it.

I do not know about other Colleges, but I understood the charter of Worcester College was ironclad that there could be no possibility of false teaching being allowed there.

Wont the Church have to answer to God if she does not try to guard the souls of her young people?

Our son is now at Princeton Seminary but even there Modernism is fighting to gain control.

My son tells of students there who say the majority of Presbyterians are Modernists, and of Methodists, who are there because it is the most orthodox seminary they know of, there being none left in their own denomination.

Is this monster to be allowed to destroy the life of the Church? For what are magnificent buildings and great -

organizations, if the Holy Spirit has left it?

It is as useless now, as in Jeremiah's day to say Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

Dear Dr Speer, Can't you be the voice to ring from one corner of our land to the other, calling men to fight - for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"?

Isn't the Master calling you to the work?

Sincerely yours

(Mrs Roswell) Julia Tining

Mr. Speer

February 2, 1928

Mrs. Roswell Vining,
Maplecrest, New York

re modernism in our colleges

My dear Mrs. Vining:

Your letter of January 16th came while I was away at meetings in our south and southwestern synods.

I know well the difficulties which our young people are meeting which you describe in your letter. My elder son went through Princeton, my eldest daughter through Bryn Mawr and I have a younger daughter in Bryn Mawr now. It is tragic to think of how many of our institutions there are in which boys and girls have to listen to teachings subversive of the Christian faith and often of the belief in a personal God. One wonders at times how it came about that the teaching profession which was once so thoroughly Christian in America should now have such a great non-Christian element in it at least in many of our colleges and universities.

It is a comfort that so many of our boys and girls who have come out of Christian homes are able to bear these influences and even to grow strong restraining them. The young men and women whom I meet are naturally the Christian students and I do rejoice at finding so many of them steadfast and loyal. I was at a student convention not long ago where it seemed to me there was more laxity and vagueness of faith on the part of the speakers than there was on the part of the students who made up the Convention.

I rejoice with you that your boy has come through college so well I should think from all that I hear that Wooster is one of the very best of our Christian colleges and that the teachers there are men and women who believe in our Christian faith and who try to establish their students in it.

In regard to Princeton Seminary are you not mistaken in thinking that there is anyone, either in the faculty or the Board of Directors, who does not believe in the historic faith of our Church. As far as I know the men both in the faculty and the Board of Directors their differences of opinion are not with regard to the doctrine of our Church nor with reference to loyalty to the Bible. All of them seem to be agreed on these deep fidelities.

rs. Roswell Vining

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February 2, 1928

Indeed I am glad to do whatever I can, as you suggest, to witness clearly to the facts and teachings of the New Testament. I believe in them thoroughly and try to lose no opportunity to proclaim them wherever one has a chance to do so.

Very cordially yours,

RS/B

Henry M. Woods

Mr. Speer

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April 19, 1928

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Board Foreign Missions,

New York City,

My dear Dr. Speer,

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Allow me to speak to you of a matter which is a great burden on our hearts, and I believe is on your heart, viz: the control of Princeton Seminary. We both love Princeton with all our hearts: we had the privilege of studying there, as my father had before me. We revere its noble record, and the inestimable service it has, through God's grace, rendered to

the Church & to the whole world;
 we love & honor the great servants
 of God who have taught & served in
 the Seminary, the Alexanders, the
 Hodges, Warfield, Patton, and others.
 Above all we both believe the precious
 Truth, the everlasting Gospel, for which
 Princeton has always stood so bravely
 & uncompromisingly, that Truth which
 is now being everywhere assailed,
 even in the Church by men who have
 vowed to uphold it. These things
 being so, what answer shall we give
 to those who favor a change in the
 government of Princeton? Let us
stand like a rock against every effort
 to modify or change the control of the
 Seminary. 1st because it is not needed.
 2. because change of control means

opening the door to change of policy,
 to admitting which will
 destroying the Institution. The plea for an "in-
 clusive" Seminary now is, with all due
 deference to those who urge it, wholly
 mistaken. It is urged that the Church
 since 1870 has been "inclusive" of Old and
 New Schools: - but the present case is wholly
different, for an inclusive Seminary now
 would mean Modernism taught by the
sides of the unchanging Gospel of Christ,
 which would violate the original purpose for
 which Princeton was founded, and which has
 been adhered to with such signal success
 all these years. Let us keep Princeton
 true to Christ and His Gospel at all costs:
 we cannot do this if we change its
 control and make it inclusive. History
 warns us plainly by the wrecks of sound
 doctrine. See Andover, Union Seminary New
 York, & other institutions. We say this with

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with the greatest respect & most friendly feelings toward good & able brethren on the other side of the question. Is it not reasonable to urge, in view of the wide spread apostasy of the present time when so many, even in the Church, are scoffing at the fundamental doctrines of salvation, and men are ordained to the Gospel ministry at the very time that they reject this Gospel, — that we keep on the safe side, & allow no changes which will open the door to the introduction of modern theology? I feel sure we heartily agree with Dr G. L. Patton when he says that the present struggle in the Church is the greatest crisis since the Reformation: we must either "go back, back, back, to the old Pauline theology" (of the deity & perfect substitutionary atonement of our Lord, and the inerrancy of His Holy Word) or "on, on, on, to atheism and despair." Dear brother, let us stand fast for

the old precious faith, by refusing to open
the door to ⁵ changes in
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means, sooner or later, Change of doctrine.

Though some deny this, it is assuredly
true. Let us keep on the safe side, &
at present allow no change whatever
in the present plan of government of the
Seminary, for the whole future of our
hallowed Presbyterian Church is at stake.

I know you will pardon me for writing,
& at such length. May the Holy Spirit
guide the coming Assembly to realize the
great crisis, and to stand for our noble
Institution which like a great lighthouse
sheds forth the rays of God's saving truth
over the angry waters of unbelief. You, as
Moderator, have a glorious opportunity,
of rendering a lasting service to Christ's
Church and to the whole world by standing
for the preservation of Princeton Seminary.
Dear Brother, stand with Luther & Calvin, with

John Knapp & Chalmers, with Archibald
Alexander & Charles Hodge & Warfield
in this great crisis!

May our Lord continue to richly
bless your work.

With sincere regard,

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Woods

Mr. Speer

May 16, 1928

Rev. Henry M. Woods, D.D.,
5 South Oxford Place
Ventnor, Atlantic City, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Woods:

On returning last week from the Near East I found your kind letter of April 19th. I do not understand the Princeton situation as a struggle between fundamentalism and modernism, or conservatism and liberalism. Everybody is honestly and faithfully loyal to the great evangelical convictions for which the Seminary has stood and stands now and will continue to stand. The situation is a tragic one and all the more tragic, it seems to me, in the misapprehensions of its real character.

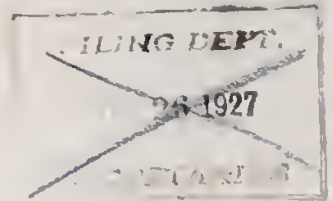
You speak of the service which as Moderator I could render. I have no standing in the matter at all and the General Assembly charged me with no responsibility whatever but on the other hand made quite other provision. My only duty was to appoint certain members on the enlarged committee, which I did with such wisdom as I had and after such consultations as seemed proper. I do pray that the whole problem may be settled in a true Christian way but I confess to just such deep anxiety as you express only not on any ground of fear for the theological fidelity of the Seminary.

I wish you could have been with us at the International Missionary Council in Jerusalem. I had many misgivings in going but found great reassurance there. There was an unequivocal expression of fidelity to the uniqueness and the universality and the finality of our Lord and of the Gospel.

With warm regards,

Very cordially yours,

RTS/B



July 22, 1927

The Rev. J. W. Luccock,
First Presbyterian Church,
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Luccock,

I am very grateful for your note of Jun 9th with its reference to the General Assembly. I think God did truly keep and guide us. There were difficulties in the midst of which we surely could have been swamped had it not been for his protecting care. Surely we ought all to learn a lesson from that experience of the peace and security of which we may be sure when we put ourselves, quietly and lovingly under God's will.

Very cordially yours,

J. W.

John B. Laird

Mr. Speer

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May 31, 1927

My dear Mr. Speer.

On inquiring I find that Judge Bruce has not been voting with the Majority in the Board of Directors of the Seismic.

You asked me to suggest some names. I would think that if he wished to do it - Dr. Maitland Alexander would be a good man, and his position as President of the Board and long family connection with the Seismic would seem to make it fitting

that he should be on the Committee
but I do not know that he would
want to do it, or that he will
be in the country. Dr. Wetbert
Garfield I take it knows more
about the Seminary than most
of us, and he has had a good
deal to do with educational
things. Dr. Rockwell Brewster is
a sane and judicious fellow
and would do good work. The
~~two~~ ^{three} laymen members on the
Board with the Maynard are
Nichols, Hummer and Hodge.
I am writing these that you

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May have them before you, as
you requested.

Let me again thank you
for all your courtesies and
express to you the hope and
wish that you may be kept
well and cheerful. In all the
many responsibilities which are
laid on you & yours,

Very cordially

J. M. Dennis

Yours
May 31, 1927

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June 23, 1927.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
514 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 15th, which has reached me in San Francisco, where I have been unfortunate enough to be confined to my bed for some weeks.

I realize the difficulties in the way of a proper solution of the Princeton controversy. If the Commission will actively cooperate and begin at once to do the work, I have strong hopes that it can be successfully done.

Let me congratulate you upon the splendid way in which you conducted the meeting of the General Assembly.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard P. Ernst

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Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue
New York City
June 15, 1927

Honorable Richard P. Ernst
405 Gaward Street
Covington, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Ernst:

I am taking it for granted that the members of the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary appointed by the Assembly of 1926 and now made members of the new committee by the Assembly of 1927 do not need any formal notification of their appointment as you were all at the Assembly and were fully apprised of what was done.

I am writing just this note, however, to tell you that I have sent formal notification to the new members of the committee enclosing to them copies of the resolutions as they were finally adopted by the Assembly, and also I want to assure you of my earnest and constant prayer that the committee may be given unerring guidance and that the grace of God may deal, as only God can, with some of the difficulties in the way of the happy solution of the problem. Surely God will answer our prayers and we may look forward to a future for the Seminary far greater and richer than its past.

With warm regard and grateful appreciation of the service which you are rendering the Church, I am,

Ever cordially yours,

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Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

June 14, 1927

The Hon. Edward J. Fox,
Easton, Pa.

My dear Judge Fox,

Your kind note of yesterday is just received and I write at once to express the hope that you will be willing to accept the appointment as a member of the Committee of Princeton Seminary. It would have been a great relief to me if the Assembly had provided for the appointment by the Boards of Directors and Trustees themselves of their representatives on the Assembly's Committee. The Assembly laid this duty however upon the Moderator. I took the opportunity at once of consulting Mr. Sennott, the President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Laird, the Vice President of the Board of Directors, who were present at the Assembly, and I would have consulted Dr. Wainwright Alexander if he had been there. I asked both Mr. Sennott and Dr. Laird to suggest four names, two ministers and two elders, and chose from the four names which Mr. Sennott proposed your name and Dr. McDowell's. I think that under the terms of the General Assembly's action it would not be competent now, if indeed it would have been proper at all, to ask the Board of Trustees or the Board of Directors to name their representatives on the Committee. The Assembly's action very clearly made it the duty of the Moderator to nominate the Committee. I am sorry that it did so, but I could only act, of course, in strict compliance with its instruction. I earnestly trust, accordingly, that you will be willing to accept the appointment.

I have heard nothing but expressions of satisfaction with regard to the nominations thus far. When the Committee was announced to the Assembly, I gathered that the Assembly was altogether satisfied, and, inasmuch as the announcement was publicly made to the Assembly and to the whole Church, I do earnestly trust that all the members of the Committee will consent to serve and especially that you will be willing to do so.

Very faithfully yours,

W.C.

Com. on Princeton Theol. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June 11, 1927

The Hon. Edward J. Fox,
Aston, Pa.

My dear Judge Fox,

The General Assembly at its recent meeting in San Francisco received the report of the Special Committee on Princeton Seminary, appointed by the General Assembly in 1925, and after very full discussion adopted the recommendations of the Committee in form as amended by the Committee itself, varying in some points from the Committee's recommendations as presented in its printed report. I enclose herewith a copy of the action as finally taken by the Assembly.

In accordance with the instructions of the Assembly the enlarged Committee as constituted, if you will consent to serve, is as follows: Dr. William O. Thompson, Chairman, Dr. Luccock, Dr. Whallon, Senator Ernst and Judge Bradley, who constituted the previous Committee, and yourself and Dr. McDowell from the Board of Trustees, Dr. Ethelbert F. Warfield and Judge Bruce from the Board of Directors, the Rev. Henry S. Brown, D.D., of Chicago and President Cheesman A. Herrick, LL.D., of Philadelphia, from the Church at large.

In the appointment of the Committee the moderator was, of course, bound strictly by the terms of the Assembly's action and was under obligation to have in mind also the rule of the Assembly found in the Manual of the General Assembly, 1927 edition, page 137, as follows: "When a Committee is appointed to carry out a decision of the House it is customary to appoint thereon only those who can support the action taken."

I earnestly hope that you will consent to accept this appointment and to render this great service to the Seminary and to the Church and to the cause of Christianity.

With sincere regard,

Very faithfully yours,

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Edward J. Fox

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Dr. Robert E. Speer, ..

156 5th Ave.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I have your letter advising me that as moderator of the General Assembly you have appointed me a member of the committee of Princeton Seminary. I appreciate very much the honor which you have done me in thus appointing me. I have the feeling, however, that inasmuch as I have so recently come into the Board of Trustees of the Seminary that some of the members who have served much longer might properly feel that the appointment should go to one who could more properly serve that Board.

I understand that there is to be a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday of this week. It occurs to me that perhaps you might approve of my suggesting to the Board that they secure somebody else who could more appropriately represent the trustees on this committee. I will glad to hear what you think of this suggestion.

Yours very truly,

EJF/DW

Com. on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June seventeenth
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Honorable Edward J. Fox,
Easton, Penna.

My dear Judge Fox:

I am pleased this morning to learn through the Moderator that you have expressed your willingness to serve on the Committee to visit Princeton Theological Seminary. I am sure the other members of the Committee would join me in this state of mind.

I am leaving for Europe but hope that the Committee will be able to assemble during October or not later than the first week in November and remain in session for two days. I shall communicate with you again after my return from Europe.

With renewed expression of appreciation, I remain,

Yours very cordially,

W. O. Thompson,
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

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June 15th, 1927.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 5th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I am greatly obliged to you for your letter with reference to the committee of Princeton Seminary. The fact that you consulted Mr. Synnott puts a very different aspect on it. What I feared was the older members of the Board might think that I was not a suitable representative. While I realize that the task of the Committee is not a pleasant one, I believe that it is my duty to render whatever assistance I can and I will, therefore, accept the appointment which you have so graciously made.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Fox

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Princeton Seminary Committee

Floyd E. Hamilton

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FLOYD E. HAMILTON

My dear Dr. Speer:

In the first place let me congratulate you upon your election as Moderator. It is an honor richly deserved, and I am sure that you will handle the situation in the Presbyterian Church in a way that will bring about the triumph of the Reformed Faith in the church, and bring peace out of chaos.

As you no doubt realize, a large number of Princeton alumni and other ministers throughout the church deeply regret the action of General Assembly in adopting the Princeton Committee's Report. If this committee of nine to whom the reorganization has been committed were men who would set up a Board of Control for Princeton on which there would be a majority of men who would agree with the majority of the present Board of Directors of the Seminary as to the future theological position of the Seminary, none of us would have any objection to the reorganization. Theoretically, under such conditions, the reorganization would be a good thing.

The facts, however, that the majority of men on the committee of nine will be men who sympathize with Dr. Stevenson's position, and that Dr. Stevenson is reported to have thanked the Assembly for adopting the report, indicate that there is every probability that the committee of nine will select men on the Board of Control who sympathize with Dr. Stevenson's position, which as I understand it is that the Seminary should be a Seminary of the whole church, and that it should include men on the faculty who do not hold to the strict interpretation of Presbyterian Standards which is held by the majority of the present faculty. I do not question Dr. Stevenson's orthodoxy or his sincerity of belief in the "inclusive" church idea. The thing which we do fear, however, is that by adopting the "inclusive" idea as applied to the Seminary, it will be only a question of time before Princeton Seminary goes the way of Union Seminary (New York).

My purpose in writing to you at this time is to urge you in your position of authority and influence to seek to prevent the committee from placing men on the new Board of Control who would acquiesce in the weakening of Princeton. The exclusion of men like Dr. Machen from the faculty would be a calamity to the whole church, both in the loss to the Seminary of such a teacher, and in the results to the church at large. I cannot believe that they would take such a radical move, but if they should, I want you to clearly see what the results would be in the church at large. I do not believe that many men outside what has been spoken of as the "ultra" conservative group, realize the deadly earnestness of those of us who are in that group. We love the Presbyterian Church and long to see her freed from the presence in her ministry of men who do not believe that Christ is their Saviour who died in their place on Calvary. But while we love the Presbyterian Church, we love our Saviour more, and we have no intention of staying inside a church that permits those who do not believe in Christ's Saviourhood to remain inside the church ministry unchallenged, and at the same time permits men like Dr. Machen to be ousted from their positions.

It is this serious effect which will occur if this Princeton Committee removes Dr. Machen from the faculty and makes Prince-

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an inclusive Seminary, that I want you to fully realize in advance. Many of us have hoped that those who do not believe that the Confession of Faith is true, would voluntarily leave the Presbyterian Church. There seems little hope of this now, for they are too firmly entrenched. There remains for us, then, only the method of attempting to exclude them from the church ministry. I fear that the time when we can do this is past, for there are not enough of us who believe that a creedal church should not allow those who do not accept that creed to preach inside it, to carry through any exclusion measure. It is to be feared that these men who do not agree with us on this point are now so strong that they can not only defeat any attempt to exclude those who do not accept the creed from the ministry, but that they are also strong enough to exclude orthodox men from all important posts in the church if they care to exercise that power.

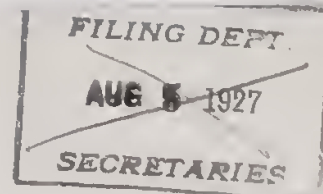
The exclusion of Dr. Machen from the Princeton faculty would be the beginning of the final struggle in the Church. If we are defeated, I, for one, do not intend to remain inside the Presbyterian Church, and I know of many men out here and in America who take the same position. A year or two ago there was danger of a split in the church between the majority of the church and the liberals. To-day there is grave danger of a split in the church between the majority of the church and the conservatives. Perhaps this may seem desirable to you, but at any rate the danger is very real. We realize that we would probably be unable to take the property of the church with us, but we value the glorious gospel of a Saviour who died in our place on Calvary and rose again for our sanctification, above property. You may feel that we are wrong in believing as we do, but the fact remains that we believe that way and are willing to act on our beliefs. We cannot acquiesce in the teaching of error about the way of salvation inside the church. We must do all we can to prevent such teaching, but if we cannot prevent it, then we will withdraw from the church.

Please do not minimize the danger in the Princeton situation. That situation has passed beyond personalities. If a reorganization occurs which makes it an inclusive Seminary, the danger of a split in the church will be a very real one for the following reasons. In the first place we have the history of what has happened in other seminaries before us. The first step in what happened there was always a step very similar to that which is in danger of being taken now at Princeton. With such history before us we cannot but fear similar results at Princeton. In the second place, if Princeton did become Liberal, that would mean that an increasing number of Liberals would be poured into the Presbyterian ministry, and soon the whole church would be Liberal. Rather than see such a result, many of us feel that the time for a split is now, when there are enough of us to make it worth while. We may be thought bigoted, out-of-date, moss-backed, "ultra" fundamentalists, or any other of a number of adjectives, but in earnest we certainly are, and the surest way to bring about a split is by permitting a reorganization of Princeton along the lines proposed to be carried into effect.

I hope a split won't have to occur, but I want you to realize there is a very real danger of its occurring as a result of the Princeton situation, and I hope you will use your influence to prevent the Committee from making it an inclusive Seminary.

Sincerely,
Floyd E. Hamilton

Princeton Seminary Committee



July 28, 1927

Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton,
Union Christian College,
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea).

My dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your letter of July 2 was received just a few days ago and I thank you very heartily for it and for your generous references to the Moderatorship. I did not want to be Moderator and did everything I could to avoid it but at the last there seemed to be no way out and there is no use in trying to evade duty. It is going to double up work this year in a way that I do not like to contemplate and I hope you will pray that not only may I have wisdom and grace but also that I may be given physical strength to get through with the impossible program that cannot be escaped.

With regard to the Princeton situation, the General Assembly appointed, as you will have heard before this, not a Committee of nine but of eleven. I have heard no complaint with regard to this additional number. Two of these were to be from the Board of Directors, two from the Board of Trustees, and two from the Church at large. In each case one was to be an elder and one a minister and the General Assembly required that a certain number of the elders must be skilled in the law. I think that the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees are both contented with the appointments that were made. I do not see how fairer or more just-minded men could have been appointed or how the majority in the Board of Directors could be more competently represented than in Dr. Warfield whom they all say is the man they would first of all have picked out to represent them on the enlarged Committee.

Personally, I believe that the Committee of five was as honest and just-minded a group of men as could be found in the Church and now that they are enlarged with these six additional members, I believe the Church at large feels that it has a Committee that it can wholly trust.

The discussion of the question in the Assembly was very frank and outspoken but absolutely fair. As a matter of fact I should say that at least three fourths of the time of debate was given to Dr. Laird, Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Inglis and other representatives of the majority in the Faculty and the Board of Directors. Before the discussion began I consulted them as to whether they preferred that someone else other than myself should preside. They told me not to think of giving up the Chair and I kept it throughout and at the close they all spoke to me of their perfect satisfaction with the hearing that they had received and with the discussion of the entire matter.

I wonder from your letter whether you have not misunderstood some

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aspects of the question. You write as though the question were one as to whether Dr. Machen should be dismissed from the Seminary or not. No such question has come before the Assembly. The question is not as to removing Dr. Machen from his present Chair but altogether as to transferring him to another Chair. I do not believe that the question of Dr. Machen's leaving the Seminary was before the Special Committee last year and Dr. Thompson stated openly in the Assembly that he hoped that one outcome of the matter would be the confirmation of Dr. Machen and Dr. Allis in their new Chairs but that there were certain things that ought to be done first: - first, with regard to the organization of the Seminary and the clarification of its local and administrative relations to the General Assembly; and second, with regard to the personal relationships and attitudes and a right spirit both in the faculty and in the student body.

I wonder also whether misunderstandings have not been created by the use of such words as "inclusive" and "liberal". My understanding has been that nobody wants to change the character of Princeton Seminary but has wanted it to keep its character, the character which it was given in its foundation, which is specified in its fundamental documents, which it had under Samuel Miller and James Alexander and the three Hodges. Dr. Steverson's appeal has been again and again to the historic and traditional documents. There are many who believe that the difficulties have arisen from the change on the part of certain individuals from the spirit and attitude and temper which have been a long tradition in the Seminary but which I can remember myself as incorporated in Dr. Green and the two Hodges and which, for that matter, you can find expressed very well in Dr. Patton's "Fundamental Christianity".

You speak of personal influence which you think I could exert in the matter. I need not say that I would do anything I could to help preserve the historic unity of our Church as embodied in the terms of the reunion settlement in the early '70's and to preserve and carry forward the great constructive evangelical convictions of our past. But I have done what little I could, I fear with small effect, as a member of the Board of Directors. I am not a member of the new Committee. I believe there was some question as to whether the Moderator should be made a member and it was decided in the negative. I judge it would be improper for me to intervene in any way in the work of the Committee unless directly requested by it.

You will be receiving before long the minutes of the General Assembly when you will see exactly what it was that the Assembly did. There is not a word in the Assembly's action as recommended and with some amendments adopted by the Assembly, proposing to change the character of the Seminary. On the other hand, the recommendations declare that their purpose is "the preservation of all the precious history, traditions, sentiments and loyalties of a century of service to the Church and the Kingdom of God". The recommendations propose only that there should be a union of the two Boards and that the relationship and control of the General Assembly should be defined and recognized so as to assure the rights of the Church and that a complete plan for the educational work of the Seminary under the administration of the New Board should be prepared.

You have marked your letter "personal" and I am sending you this equally personal and frank reply. I trust with you that the difficulties at the Seminary may be solved and that all the good may be conserved and the mistakes which have been made may be transcended and a genuine spirit of trust and accord come to prevail.

Very cordially yours,

F. E. Hamilton

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Aug. 19, 1927.

My dear Dr. Speer:
Mr. Speer

Your long and frank letter of July 26th just came. Thank you for the trouble you have taken in the midst of the heat of summer, to answer my other letter. When I wrote my other letter we had seen only the newspaper reports which were that the General Assembly has passed the Princeton Committee Report "practically without change". Naturally we supposed that this referred to the original report. The revised report is far less objectionable, and the fact that you appointed Dr. Warfield on the enlarged committee makes possible a minority report at the General Assembly.

I have heard nothing but praise for your rulings during the hearings on the report of the Princeton Committee, and feel sure that everyone thinks it fortunate we had such a fair-minded moderator at that time. Your term as Moderator will certainly be a physical strain, and we will indeed pray that you may be sustained in its arduous duties. It will, however, give you an opportunity to present the cause of Foreign Missions as never before. I have just read and heartily approve your letter to the churches, though I am inclined to agree with Dr. Craig that you have given a slightly wrong impression as to the unity of the church in doctrine. For my part I do not see how anyone who denies that Christ died to bear the penalty of his sins on Calvary can be saved, no matter how charming they may be personally, or how much good in the moral sphere they may be doing. You know as well as I do that there are large numbers of Presbyterian ministers who reject the substitutionary atonement of Christ. The message of such men may be conceivably used by God to save souls, but I doubt it. Of course we cannot tell what the relation of any man with his God is, but logically the man who denies that Christ bore the penalty of his sins is left to bear the penalty himself, for if there is any doctrine of the Bible that is clear, it that there is only one doctrine of the atonement taught in Scripture, namely the doctrine that Christ died as a propitiation, for our sins, in our place, on Calvary. Probably most of the Affirmationists would reject this doctrine. They deny it and teach a different doctrine. Not only is the church not united on this point, but many of us who believe the true doctrine of the atonement feel that we must oppose with all our might the teaching of a different doctrine of the atonement. We believe that the only way a revival of religion can ever come is by the proclamation of a Saviour who bore the penalty of sin on the Cross, and we believe that those who deny ^{the substitutionary atonement} it and teach a contrary doctrine are betraying Christ and should never be allowed to preach in the pulpits of our church.

Is not the whole issue at Princeton just this: shall Princeton Seminary represent not only the conservative view which it now represents, but shall it also represent, for example, the views of the affirmationists who deny the substitutionary atonement, like Drs. Merrill and Coffin? Dr. Stevenson, about whose personal faith I have no question whatever, nevertheless said at the Baltimore Assembly that he wanted to name Princeton Seminary the representative of the the whole church. I don't believe he realized at the time the implications of that statement, and I still think he is too good a conservative to want liberals in the Seminary. However I don't believe he realizes the inevitable effect of the organi-

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zation of a Board of ~~Directors~~ Control in which the majority would be men who, while personally orthodox, would nevertheless feel that men with unorthodox views should be allowed to preach in the church. Probably for a time nothing would happen. Before long places on the Board of Control would become vacant, and they would begin to include men of a slightly liberal character on the Board. The next step would be to place men whose views were slightly liberal in the vacant places in the faculty. That result might be ten years away, but it would seem to be inevitable under such conditions, for it was exactly along such lines that other Seminaries in the United States have gone during the last fifty years.

Now I know that Dr. Stevenson and the members of the Princeton Committee who support him would not want such a result to happen, yet I am sure that you yourself have no doubt but that the majority of the enlarged committee will recommend men for the new Board of Control whose views are in harmony with Dr. Stevenson's. If that happens, and the General Assembly should adopt it, I think Dr. Machen is exactly right in saying that Princeton Seminary "will be dead, and we shall have at Princeton a new institution of a radically different type". Let us hope and pray that our interpretation of what would happen is incorrect, yet with the examples of Union Theological Seminary, New York, Abbin, McCormick, and Western Seminaries before our eyes, can we expect anything else? These were all formerly orthodox Seminaries, and still have some fairly orthodox men in them, yet they have all drifted into the control of liberals and have liberal men on their faculties. How did that happen? Was it not by a process similar to that described at the top of this page?

I have always regarded Dr. Stevenson as my friend and do yet, yet I am absolutely opposed any plan which would give him a majority of supporters on the Board of Control of the Seminary, if by so doing it would mean that their attitude toward liberalism in the church would be one of toleration, or that they would let down the bars of doctrine in any way in connection with the Seminary. From your letter I conclude that you believe my fears in this regard are not well-founded, but it seems to me the Unitarian "Christian Register" has sized up the situation in Princeton pretty accurately, except that they do not state the theological views of the minority members of the faculty correctly. The minority members of the faculty are as orthodox personally as the majority members. Is not the "Christian Register" right, however, in thinking that the fundamental reason why a reorganization of the Boards of the Seminary is proposed is because there is a desire to alter the theological position of the Seminary? The rights of the General Assembly could be easily secured without reorganizing the Boards. Even the local faculty situation would have clarified in a short time if the Assembly had not held up Machen's appointment last year and appointed a committee to investigate Princeton. It is a matter of common knowledge that those who opposed Machen at the Baltimore Assembly were men with liberal tendencies. You say "Dr. Stevenson's appeal has been again and again pointed out in the "Presbyterian", his interpretation of the attitude of tolerance of the founders is far different from the true interpretation of their attitude. There is no reason whatever

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for thinking that the professors of those times would have looked on complacently while men scorned the Virgin Birth or the Substitutionary Atonement.

You say correctly that no question of dismissing Dr. Machen from the Seminary has come before the Assembly. That is of course true, for he cannot be removed under the present plan of the Seminary without charges being preferred against him, ^{but} the powers of the Committee "to prepare a complete plan for the educational work of the Seminary under the administration of the New Board" certainly include the possibility of changing the personnel of the faculty, and the only reason that we can see for holding up Dr. Machen's appointment was to try to make him back down from his position or to leave him out of the "reorganized educational plan".

If the Baltimore Assembly had left Princeton Seminary alone, undoubtedly the faculty situation would have righted itself in a very short time and under the ordinary conservative control the Seminary would have gone ahead successfully. But after Dr. Stevenson took the position he did on the floor of that Assembly, it seems to me there are only four possible solutions. (1) Leave Princeton Seminary as it now is, which would perpetuate a bad situation as long as Dr. Stevenson is there as President. If he resigned everything would be peaceful. (2) The resignation of President Stevenson. (3) The reorganization of the Boards with Conservative control, and the elimination of Dr. Stevenson. (4) The reorganization of the Boards to support Dr. Stevenson, which would of course mean eventually, if not at once, the elimination of Dr. Machen and the majority group of the faculty. The first and fourth solutions will do anything but preserve peace either in the Seminary or the church. We shall oppose the fourth solution with all the might we have. As I said before, we may be bigoted and narrow, but we shall fight such a solution to the end and then if defeated under conditions that make it look as though there is no hope orthodox control of the church, seriously contemplate withdrawing from the church.

In fact the situation in the church at large is far more serious than your letter to the churches indicated. The pastor in a Western New York presbytery, (himself a liberal who rejected the substitutionary atonement, as he told me personally in private conversation) told me his presbytery had ordained a man who didn't believe in the divinity of Christ, without any protests in the presbytery, apparently! A friend in another presbytery in Western New York told me that their presbytery had ordained a man of similar beliefs, over the protests of three or four members! There are some presbyteries like that, so completely controlled by liberals that there isn't a big enough minority even to protest, or at least without men courageous enough to risk their jobs by protesting such things. Under such conditions are we to ignore the danger while the liberals get all the places of power, as they try to do now?

I recently heard a statement whose truth I wish you would check up on, as it seems hard to believe. The statement was that a certain candidate for the Foreign Mission field in the course of a

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conversation with a candidate secretary of our Board was asked a question of somewhat the following nature, though I can't quote it exactly. "If you are appointed to the Foreign Mission field, can you be tolerant of and get along with those of your fellow workers who may differ from you doctrinally?" Certainly our Board is not asking that question of candidates now is it?

I must again ask your pardon for writing such a long letter to you, to add to your heavy burdens. The only real excuse I have for so doing is that I want you to know what the attitude of a large number of Princeton men is, and to let you see why we feel that we must take every means to defend Princeton, and also to combat liberalism in the church. If you find yourself too busy to answer this long letter, I won't be at all offended and will regard it as a means of helping you in your heavy duties.

You will have our prayers that your term as Moderator may be a successful one and that you may be kept in health during the whole time. Mrs. Hamilton sends her regards.

This of course is a confidential letter.

Sincerely,

Floyd E. Hamilton

Mr. Speer

September 15, 1927

The Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton,
Union Christian College,
Pyongyang, Korea.

My dear Mr. Hamilton,

Your kind letter of August 19th is just received and I must send at least a brief word in acknowledgment. I trust that with God's guidance the right way may be found in the Princeton difficulties. I do not understand them as you do. I do not believe there is any more ^{doctrinal} fidelity to the New Testament and to ^{the} character and convictions of our Church in one group, either in the faculty or in the Board of Directors, than in the other. As I see it the differences are other than these.

Without reference to the Princeton matter but thinking generally of many of our present-day problems, I am inclined to think that some of the difficulty is due to our failure to be satisfied with the language and all the utterances of the New Testament. People are constantly insisting on stating tests in language that is not found in the New Testament. Some of our most common catchwords in present-day theological discussions cannot be found in the New Testament at all. On the other hand there are many, even of our supposedly conservative and fundamentalists teachers, who explain away passages in the New Testament that do not agree with the particular system of opinion which they have formed, and which sometimes they lay down on the New Testament instead of drawing out of it.

As for me I accept absolutely the whole of the New Testament and where statements appear to be at variance one with another, I accept them both instead of trying to get rid of one or the other of them.

I think a good illustration of this attempt at detailed and all inclusive systemization is found in an address which I was looking over the other evening in the Bulletin of the Rochester Theological Seminary, entitled "The Doctrine of Salvation". I am sending you this copy of the Bulletin as I know you will be interested in a number of the articles in it, agreeing here and disagreeing there.

I trust that you had a good summer. My daughter had a very happy rest at Syenchun and at the Diamond Mountains, and I presume is safely back in Peking long before this, although she was delayed a little in Seoul owing to the necessity for an operation on her companion. She was delighted with the surgeon in Seoul who performed the operation and with all the helpfulness and spirit of the work done there.

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I have had a letter from Dr. Holdcroft with regard to a complaint from some of the Japanese officials with reference to a statement in our Report to the effect that the world view found in the prescribed textbooks in the Government schools is sometimes anti-Christian. I have told Dr. Holdcroft that I would be delighted to withdraw that statement if it is not true and that, of course, I have no first-hand knowledge on the subject, but that this statement had been made to us in Korea again and again as one of the reasons why we must maintain our Christian schools. If it

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is not true in Korea, then, Korea is certainly more happily off than America for we have lots of textbooks for teachers used in our American institutions which are anti-Christian in their world view- mechanistic, agnostic and even atheistic,

With kind regard to all the friends in Pyengyang,

Very sincerely yours,

F.W.H.

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary *J. B. Laird*
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Mr. Speer

Frankford Presbyterian Church
Frankford Avenue & Church Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 8, 1927

Robert Speer, D. D., L. L. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing to thank you for your courtesy and consideration toward me in the conduct of the Princeton matter before the Assembly. I recognized that I had no rights before the Assembly, excepting such as were accorded me by the Assembly, and your own gracious self. You were most courteous and fair, and I thank you.

I know that you join with me in the hope that our difficulties at Princeton will be solved, and that the good old Seminary will continue in her splendid work. Of course I had hoped that the action of the Assembly might be somewhat different, but on reflection I am quite satisfied, and so far as I am personally concerned, I am ready to cooperate with the Committee in bringing about the will of the Assembly as expressed in its action, unless legal barriers may present themselves. I have no doubt however that the Committee has looked into this phase of the matter.

I had hoped that the two Members of the Committee from the Directorate might represent the majority, as the two from the Board of Trustees represent the majority of that Board. But Judge Bruce is a fair, intelligent man, and I have no criticism to make of the Committee. If we approach the subject openminded, and seek the interest of the Institution and the glory of the Master whom she serves, the issue will be satisfactory.

Again congratulating you on being chosen the Moderatory of our great church, and on the opportunities for high service which this office will bring to you, and thanking you again for your courtesies, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) John B. Laird

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June 7, 1927

The Rev. John B. Laird, D.D.,
4315 Frankford Ave.,
Phila., Pa.

My dear Dr. Laird,

Before I left San Francisco I received your kind letter with reference to the representatives of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary on the Committee established by the General Assembly. I did my best to obey the mind of the Assembly, as was expressed in its action and rules, and its general mind and spirit, as far as I could interpret them, and appointed as the six additional members of the Committee President Warfield, Judge Bruce, Dr. John McDowell, Judge Fox, Dr. Henry S. Brown of Chicago and President Charles A. Herrick of Philadelphia. As far as I heard at the Assembly or have heard since, these appointments have been acceptable.

I trust that the new Committee may be divinely led from the beginning, and that we may soon pass forward into a new and better day for the old Seminary, a day that shall be absolutely loyal to the past and yet faithful also to the duties of the new times.

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June 11, 1927

Reverend Henry S. Brown, D.D.
77 West Washington Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Brown:

The General Assembly at its recent meeting in San Francisco received the report of the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary appointed by the General Assembly in 1925, and after very full discussion adopted the recommendations of the Committee in form as amended by the Committee itself, varying in some points from the Committee's recommendations as presented in its printed report. I enclose herewith a copy of the action as finally taken by the Assembly.

In accordance with the instructions of the Assembly the enlarged Committee as constituted, if you will consent to serve, is as follows: Dr. William C. Thompson, Chairman, Dr. Lucecock, Dr. Chaffin, Senator Ernst, and Judge Bradley, who constituted the previous Committee, Dr. Ethelbert D. Merrill and Judge Bruce from the Board of Directors, Dr. Maxwell and Judge Cox from the Board of Trustees, and yourself and President Chesnut A. Ferrick, D.D. of Philadelphia, from the Church at large.

In the appointment of the Committee the moderator was, of course bound strictly by the terms of the Assembly's action and was under obligation to have in mind also the rule of the Assembly found in the Manual of the General Assembly, 1927 edition, page 137, as follows: "When a Committee is appointed to carry out a decision of the House it is customary to appoint thereon only those who can support the action taken."

I earnestly hope that you will consent to accept this appointment and to render this great service to the Seminary and to the Church and to the cause of Christianity.

With sincere regard,

Very faithfully yours,

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Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York
June 20, 1927 (Dict. June 18)

Reverend Henry C. Brown, D.D.
77 West Washington Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Brown:

It was a great pleasure to receive this morning your note of June 16th accepting appointment on the Princeton Seminary Committee. Dr. Thompson was here yesterday just before sailing for Europe and sent you a brief note from my office. I think all the members appointed are willing to serve although I have had no word yet from Judge Bruce.

Dr. Thompson feels very hopeful over the matter and I have received some very good letters since the Assembly from members of the Board of Directors who had been opposed to the original appointment of the Committee. I shall hope and pray that the work of the Committee this year may prove a great triumph and that the Seminary may come through into a new and far richer and stronger service even than it has rendered in the great past.

I wish you could have been at the General Assembly. It was most interesting and uplifting to see the way in which the spirit of truth and love took hold and prevailed.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

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Com. on Princeton Theol. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June seventeenth
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Reverend Henry S. Brown, D.D.
77 W. Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Brown:

I am writing briefly to express my very great pleasure that you have been appointed a member of the Committee to visit Princeton Theological Seminary. I am also pleased to know that you will accept the service.

I am hoping that the Committee will be able to meet in October or early November at the latest and be in session for at least two days at the preliminary meeting. Upon my return in September I will communicate with you again.

With personal regards, I am,

Yours very cordially,

W. O. Thompson,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio

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 Rev. Robert E. Speer D.D.
 156 Fifth Avenue
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My dear Dr. Speer:

I have your official notification concerning my appointment to the Princeton Seminary Committee. I read very carefully the actions of the Assembly and will do my best to assist them the little that I can in working the problem out.

I have heard wonderful things of your conduct of the Assembly as Moderator. I can never thank you enough for the contribution you have made not only to our own church and its Board of Foreign Missions but to the whole world cause of the Kingdom of Christ. God bless you and keep you always in strength.

In working out the Princeton problem I expect that we will need almost as much a lively sense of humor as a devoted spirit of prayer. Why do we take ourselves so seriously?

Always your friend,

Henry S. Brown

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Mr. Speer

June 11, 1927

Hon. M. Lynn Bruce,
68 William Street,
New York City.

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Very faithfully yours,

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My dear Dr. Speer:-

Enclosed you will find a copy of Mr. Robert McCarter's opinion of the charter of Princeton Theological Seminary which was ordered sent to each member of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

John McDowell
John McDowell
Secretary

Enclosure-

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

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June 11, 1927

Rev. John McDowell, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
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My dear Dr. McDowell,

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In accordance with the instructions of the Assembly the enlarged Committee as constituted, if you will consent to serve, is as follows: Dr. William C. Thompson, Chairman, Dr. Luccock, Dr. Hallen, Senator Ernst, and Judge Bradley, who constituted the previous Committee, Dr. Ethelbert D. Warfield and Judge Bruce from the Board of Directors, yourself and Judge Fox from the Board of Trustees, and the Rev. Henry S. Brown, D.D. of Chicago and President Cheesman A. Herrick, LL.D. of Philadelphia. From the Church at large.

In the appointment of the Committee the moderator was, of course, bound strictly by the terms of the Assembly's action and was under obligation to have in mind also the rule of the Assembly found in the Manual of the General Assembly, 1927 edition, page 137, as follows: "When a Committee is appointed to carry out a decision of the House it is customary to appoint thereon only those who can support the action taken."

I earnestly hope that you will consent to accept this appointment and to render this great service to the Seminary and to the Church and to the cause of Christianity.

With sincere regard,

Very faithfully yours,

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Com. on Princeton Theol. Seminary

Mr. Speer
[Handwritten initials]

John McDowell

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK



OFFICE OF SECRETARY

June 14, 1927.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your letter of June 11, informing me of my appointment to the Assembly's Committee to reorganize Princeton Seminary, just received and I am writing at once to thank you for the appointment and to say that I will serve to the best of my ability. The committee faces a great task and one that is worthy of the best that every man of the committee has to give. It is a great comfort to know that we have your support and your prayers as we face this responsibility.

With hearty congratulations on the splendid way in which you guided the Assembly, and with all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John McDowell

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Com. on Princeton Theol. Lewis S. Mudge

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June 8, 1927

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Bobby:

Your letter of June 7th is received. I note your desire for six copies of the action taken by the General Assembly with regard to Princeton Theological Seminary as finally adopted. Mr. Barraclough has the Minutes of the Sessions of the General Assembly in his personal care. He will reach this office tomorrow, Thursday morning, and I will see that what you desire is obtained and forwarded to you at the earliest possible moment after his arrival.

In this connection may I ask you to give thought to the question of the relationship which I, as Stated Clerk, should take toward this Special Committee. One of our regulations with reference to Special Committees is that the Stated Clerk "is the secretary and custodian of the correspondence of the ad interim committees." (See Manual, page 98, top.) During the past year I kept quite aloof from the proceedings of the said committee as then constituted for obvious reasons. Clearly, however, now that the General Assembly has given the committee enlarged membership and definite instructions and has included in its membership members of the governing Boards of the Seminary, my relationship to the committee as a director of the Seminary is altered. It is clear to me, however, that it is sufficiently altered to warrant my serving ex officio as secretary of the committee.

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Of course, my desire is to keep away from all unnecessary contact with this committee. Indeed, I am seeking justification so to do. Nevertheless, I do not wish to fail at any point in my duty as Stated Clerk.

Ever affectionately yours,



Lewis S. Mudge,
Stated Clerk.

LSM/H

Mr. Speer

June 9, 1927

The Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Lew,

Thank you very much for the various notes which came from you this morning. I am notifying Dr. McEvor and Dr. Robinson, who will represent Dr. Covert, that the meeting on June 16th will be at 10:00 o'clock, daylight saving time. Dr. Marquis, of course, already understands this.

When you come over that day there will be a number of matters that we shall want to talk over together. Will you make a memorandum of any items that you will have in mind?

With regard to your service in connection with the Princeton Committee would it not be well for you to consult Dr. Thompson? I imagine that if you want to be free from any connection with the Committee that could be easily cared for. On the other hand if there is service which you could really render, of course, you would want, and all of us would want, to have you so related to the Committee that you could render it. We can talk this over also when you come.

I have had good letters from Dr. Thompson and Dr. Laird, with regard to the whole matter. They are both satisfied with the Committee. Dr. Laird expresses his appreciation of the way in which he was received in the Assembly and his acquiescence in the action taken, and his willingness to cooperate if all legal difficulties can be met.

I will bring up the matter of the sending of the minutes to the missionaries, and you will hear shortly with regard to it either from Dr. Reid or from me.

6/9/27

I am writing the letters of notification to the new members of the Princeton Committee and will hold them until I get from Mr. Barraclough the copies of the action which was finally taken by the Committee.

I have just received a note from Mr. Loomis enclosing an annual pass over the Union Pacific for the year 1927.

I see you have new letter heads for the General Assembly. I presume Mr. Barraclough will be sending me a supply to use in correspondence in which I ought not to use our Board letter head. I notice that my name is printed with the title of "DD" Wherever I am allowed to do so, I drop the titles altogether, and if you print any further supply and have no objection to it I would rather have no name appear without any degrees after it. If degrees must be used, then, I suppose out of respect to Rutgers and Wooster Colleges I ought to use LL.D. also. I trust however that there may be no rule of the Assembly preventing my emancipation from these encumbrances.

Ever affectionately yours,

RES:C.

Mr. Speer

W. COURTLAND ROBINSON
DELHI, NEW YORK

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York N.Y.

My dear Robert,

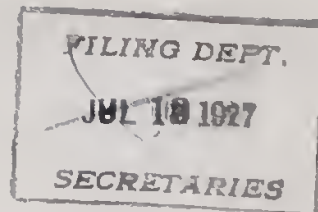
2027 Thank you for your kind letter. Mrs. Robinson and I
are much delighted at the possibility of having you
and Mrs. Speer as guests. You will have all
we can provide and a chance to see a beautiful
bit of country. I would be happy to hear
at least three weeks notice to arrange that you
may be heard. I would want you to preach
in my church in the morning 11 A.M. I would
invite nearby churches to come with us in evening.
It is quite possible that I could induce
my long time friend Wilfred Lory (whom you must
know, Mt. Hermon boy) to open his Sales
Pavilion where Dr. C. H. Goodell spoke yesterday
to 1200 people. That would give you a wide
hearing. In that case of course we would not
expect anything of you in the evening.

I read the rest of the letter with great interest.
As to Machen, I agree with you. He is a singular
combination of a great, scholarly man and spoiled
child. He is not so bad as the public believes.
He is the best instructor in Princeton and in many
respects the ablest man, but he spoils much by
indiscretion. Many truly good and great men I
have glaring infirmities. I wish you had
included. Erdman in suggesting prayer as useful.
He too, has noble qualities with serious infirmities

Wealth, social aspirations, ecclesiastical ambitions
have made their mark upon him. Having had
much he seems to want more. I know he
can be very cold and dictatorial. I once had the
courage to suggest to both Machen and Erdman that
they get together with some others present, to
pry themselves out of their differences.
Machen returned me the warmer response. Their
unhappy and unholly controversy is at the root of
Princeton's trouble. I could not, do not, dare not
assess the relative responsibility of each. Neither
is faultless, both have fine and noble qualities.
I am sorry to have my relations with Princeton
cut off but I know they will be in a new
Board from which many of us will be
dropped. The Directors have blundered - but I
notice that the Trustees have persistently
violated section 6 of the Charter which says
that twelve shall at all times be laymen and
citizens of New Jersey. The Trustees might be
cited in New Jersey courts. I hope Princeton
will not be removed too far from ancient
moorings.

Thank you, Robert, for your letter. As to the
Committee of eleven I notice that not a pastor
was put on. You know my hobby is to give
the Presbyterian pastor more voice in management.
We pastors are persistently ignored, especially
village pastors. This is not personal but in
behalf of an able, consecrated class. I hope
see a village pastor Moderator of the Gen'l Assembly
but I fear it will not be in my day.
11 Hoping you will be able to be with us Sept. 1st
and with warmest regards
I am most cordially yours
W. R. Robertson.

Mr. Speer



156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,
June 22, 1927.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Court:

It was a great pleasure to get your good friendly letter of June 14th with its kind reference to "Seeking the Mind of Christ". I am glad if you found some helpful things in it. I was glancing in it myself the other night and found more than one lesson that I need to relearn. It is a good deal easier to give counsels than it is to practice them and yet our comfort is that we would not have discernment enough to give them if we did not have some conscience within us as to our own failures.

It was good to have your reference to Princeton Seminary and the new Committee. I have had many favorable and encouraging comments from those who would be regarded as the most strongly conservative in our Church and I do hope and pray that the new Committee may be able to lead us on and out. What one would like to see would be the faculty itself take matters in hand and effect a complete reconciliation and join heartily in a united program which would rally behind them the Boards of the Seminary and the Church at large. This would be a triumph indeed. Our friend, Dr. Machon, might make himself one of the greatest leaders in Christian affairs of our day - using these words in their best and noblest sense - if he would first kneel down and then rise up and step forward and do this.

I have just received a notice of the call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors on June 29th. I have engagements beginning Thursday of this week, however, that run right on to July 6th and I doubt whether I can change these so as to get to Princeton for this meeting.

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Thank you very much for your invitation to Delhi. I do not see any possibility of my coming unless I could work it in as a sort of semi-vacation trip in September. I am not sure yet just what time I shall be able to get away this summer but I had been expecting to spend September 11th with my family at a little country place that we bought when we sold our home in Englewood at Lakeville, Conn. It may be that I could persuade Mrs. Speer to go with me and we could drive from there over to Delhi

on Saturday, September 10th, spend the 11th with you and drive back on the 12th. I will keep this in mind and let you know later in case I find it will be a possibility.

I thank you with all my heart for your kind telegram of congratulation which came to me at the General Assembly. I had earnestly hoped and prayed that there might be some way of escape but as I look back I can believe that it was all of God's ordering and that there was nothing, of course, to do but to walk in what seemed to be the way of duty. We certainly had God's evident and abundant blessing at the Assembly and I trust and pray that it may be the beginning of far better and richer things for our Church in the days to come.

With warm regard, I am

Very cordially yours,

RCS/V

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 12, 1927

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My dear Robert:-

I called at the office yesterday to thank you in person for the great address which you gave and which proved to be the leading feature of our Commencement services. It was a timely utterance, made a profound impression and we are extremely grateful to you for coming to us at this exceedingly busy time.

I am sorry to say that the Trustees meeting was not altogether satisfactory, and mainly because of misrepresentations that were made. However, the Trustees by an almost unanimous vote decided to cooperate with the Committee and with the General Assembly in seeking a solution of the serious problems which now confront us.

I understand that the Presbyterian of this week has a bitter, if not libelous, attack on Dr. Thompson and his Committee. It is evident that the "majority" of this Board are determined on "a rule or ruin policy" and while I have no solicitude as to the final outcome, I do think that the approaching Assembly is going to be a most critical one and will need as never before wise, earnest and experienced leadership. I am fully convinced, my dear Robert, that you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this, not to serve any party in the Church, but to lift the Church above secondary matters which are causing strife, and bitterness and concentrate the thought of the Church on the great interests of the Kingdom of God. I have no question whatsoever in my mind that you can at this juncture render a service which will save the Church and cause every member of it in time to rise up and call you blessed. Word has just come from Los Angeles that although the Presbytery there has suggested Dr. Hugh Walker for the Moderatorship, it is with the definite understanding that you are the first choice of the Pacific Coast.

With loving greetings, I am,

Gratefully and devotedly your friend,

Ross

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June 9, 1927

President W. O. Thompson, D. D., M. D.,
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

I thank you with all my heart for your kind note written after the close of the Assembly. We have a great deal for which to thank God and the Church owes a great debt to you for all the service that you have rendered this past year and for the spirit of kindness and justice which you have poured through the Church and the clear witness of our great unifying evangelical loyalty which you have borne. It is a great personal joy to have your friendship and to have worked with you these past two years and to look forward to such fellowship and friendship while life shall last and thereafter.

I am glad that the constitution of the enlarged Princeton Committee meets with your approval. I have thus far heard no expression of dissatisfaction with regard to it and I think I ought to send you a copy of a letter just received from Dr. Laird, which is full of assurance and hope.

With warm regards,

Very cordially yours,

RES:C

Mr. Speer

Frankford Presbyterian Church
Frankford Avenue & Church Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 8, 1927

Robert Speer, D. D., L. L. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing to thank you for your courtesy and consideration toward me in the conduct of the Princeton matter before the Assembly. I recognized that I had no rights before the Assembly, excepting such as were accorded me by the Assembly, and your own gracious self. You were most courteous and fair, and I thank you.

I know that you join with me in the hope that our difficulties at Princeton will be solved, and that the good old Seminary will continue in her splendid work. Of course I had hoped that the action of the Assembly might be somewhat different, but on reflection I am quite satisfied, and so far as I am personally concerned, I am ready to cooperate with the Committee in bringing about the will of the Assembly as expressed in its action; unless legal barriers may present themselves. I have no doubt however that the Committee has looked into this phase of the matter.

I had hoped that the two Members of the Committee from the Directorate might represent the majority, as the two from the Board of Trustees represent the majority of that Board. But Judge Bruce is a fair, intelligent man, and I have no criticism to make of the Committee. If we approach the subject openminded, and seek the interest of the Institution and the glory of the Master whom she serves, the issue will be satisfactory.

Again congratulating you on being chosen the Moderatory of our great church, and on the opportunities for high service which this office will bring to you, and thanking you again for your courtesies, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) John B. Laird

Com on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
June 15, 1927

Reverend Walter L. Whallon, D.D.,
30 Roseville Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Whallon:

I am taking it for granted that the members of the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary appointed by the Assembly of 1926 and now made members of the new Committee by the Assembly of 1927 do not need any formal notification of their appointment as you were all at the Assembly and were fully apprised of what was done.

I am writing just this note, however, to tell you that I have sent formal notification to the new members of the committee enclosing to them copies of the resolutions as they were finally adopted by the Assembly, and also I want to assure you of my earnest and constant prayer that the committee may be given unerring guidance and that the grace of God may deal, as only God can, with some of the difficulties in the way of the happy solution of the problem. Surely God will answer our prayers and we may look forward to a future for the Seminary far greater and richer than its past.

With warm regard and grateful appreciation of the service which you are rendering the Church, I am,

Ever cordially yours,

RES/B

Com on Princeton The. Seminary

Walter Lowrie Whallon

Mr. Speer

WALTER LOWRIE WHALLON, MINISTER
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your kind letter relative to the appointment of the members of the General Assembly's Committee of Princeton Theological Seminary, received last week. I thank you for this official notification of our election.

It is unnecessary to tell you that our investigation during this past year brought to me great concern and anxiety. I earnestly hope that the developments this year will bring the assurance that our recommendation to the General Assembly for the solution of the troubles at Princeton has been a wise one. I am hoping and praying for God's guidance for these important days before us, that our enlarged committee may have God's clear guidance given and that the result will assure to the Seminary a future even greater than her past with its record of splendid achievement and rich service.

Permit me to express my great gratification in your acceptance of the call to the Moderatorship of our General Assembly and the leadership of our Presbyterian Church during this entire year. I have full confidence that it will be a year of spiritual progress and splendid achievement for the Kingdom. Assuring you of my constant prayer that you may be given strength for the many demands upon your time and service, and with kind personal regards, I remain,
WLW--V

Very cordially yours,

Walter L. Whallon.

Com. on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

June 9th, 1927

President Ethelbert D. Warfield, D.D., LL.D.,
Chambersburg,
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My dear President Warfield,

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I hope to hope that you will consent to accept this appointment and to render this great service to the Seminary and to the Church and to the cause of Christianity.

With sincere regard,

Very faithfully yours,

RES:C.

Com on Princeton The Seminary Ethelbert D. Warfield

Mr. Speer

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Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 10, 1927.

REV. E. D. SPEER
JUL 11 1927
Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Moderator of the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I greatly appreciate the honor done me and the confidence shown by you in naming me a member of the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary. While very reluctant to undertake the work that such a position must involve, I have always been ready to obey the call of the Church and to render any service in my power to the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

I venture, however, to lay before you certain considerations which profoundly affect my attitude to this appointment. I am sure you will not think that there is the least personal criticism implied in what I feel constrained to say.

I understand that I have been appointed as a representative of the Board of Directors. In a long experience I have reached the conclusion that any body should choose its own representatives. I feel quite certain that if the Board of Directors were asked to name its representatives to this Committee that it is highly probable that Mr. Bruce would be appointed as the elder, but I feel very certain that I should not be appointed as the ministerial member. I am confident that the Board would select its President.

I also venture to say with more hesitation, that even if the wishes of the Board itself were not definitely considered, still from every point of view it would be a gracious thing to name as the ministerial member of the Board of Directors its President.

Dr. Maitland Alexander has ancestral relationships to the Seminary and has rendered to it personal services which are preeminent. His recent retirement from the active pastorate, after a very conspicuous service to the Church, has left him free to serve this Committee as probably no one else could serve it. He has been honored by the Church by a call to the same high office which you now adorn. His appointment to this Committee would do much to placate the opinion of the Board which, after more than a century of service to the Seminary, conspicuous, certainly down to these latest years, for wisdom, devotion and self sacrifice, finds itself about to be dissolved under circumstances which do it certainly little honor.

I am sure that you, who have done so much to win the world for Christ, will be glad to do an act which will be so grateful to a considerable number of your colleagues in the Board of Directors.

I therefore would respectfully request that you replace me on this Committee by the substitution of the President of the Board of Directors, Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., of Pittsburgh.

With cordial regard and the sincere hope that you will accept the suggestion which I have ventured to make and act upon it in the spirit in which it is offered,

Very truly yours,

Ethelbert D. Wafield.

Corn on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

June 14, 1927

President Etholbert D. Warfield,
Chambersburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Warfield:

Your kind letter of June 10th with reference to the General Assembly's Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary is just received. I appreciate very deeply the spirit and statements of your letter.

It would have been a great relief to me if the action of the Assembly had provided for the choice by each of the Seminary Boards of its own representatives on the Assembly's Committee. This, however, the Assembly action did not do. It laid the obligation of making this appointment upon the Moderator. I ventured of my own accord however at once to consult Mr. Synnott as President of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Laird as vice-president of the Board of Directors who were present at the Assembly. If Dr. Mattland Alexander had been there I would have surely consulted him. I asked Mr. Synnott and Dr. Laird each to suggest four names that might help me in making a choice. Dr. Laird at once stated that you were the person whom he and the majority of the Board of Directors would wish named as the ministerial member from the Board of Directors. I asked him regarding various other names but he was unequivocally clear that it would be the desire of those for whom he spoke that you should be named. The action of the Assembly as you know required that there should be one minister and one elder from each of the two Boards.

Personally I should have been entirely ready to appoint Dr. Alexander. He is, as you say, President of the Board of Directors and he and his family have been associated with the Seminary for generations. Moreover, as you know, he and I were classmates in College and have always been good friends. I knew, however, that he had not been well; that he had been obliged to leave the Assembly at Baltimore because of health and had stated that for this same reason he would be unable to go to San Francisco and had therefore at the last meeting of the Board of Directors declined to serve on the Committee to represent the Board at the General Assembly. . . The determining factor, however, was Dr. Laird's request, which, as I understood, represented also the mind of other directors. The intimate relations of Dr. Alexander with the Seminary would, of course, have been in everyone's mind, but it was felt, I think, that your relations had been almost as intimate both through your brother's life and work in the Seminary and your own association with it. I do not need to add anything of the respect which all feel for your character and judgment.

President Warfield,

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When your name was announced to the Assembly as a member of the Committee I could see expressions of satisfaction on a number of faces, and I have heard only reports of contentment with the personnel of the Committee since the Assembly adjourned. The Committee as now constituted was announced at the Assembly and has been made known to the whole Church, and some explanations would be necessary in case of any change.

In seeking to recall the conversations at the General Assembly I do not remember that in our talk together Dr. Laird suggested Dr. Alexander's name. Later at the close of the Assembly I received a note from Dr. Laird in which he mentioned you again, also Dr. Brank, and in which he wrote regarding Dr. Maitland Alexander:

"I would think that if he wished to do it Dr. Maitland Alexander would be a good man, and his position as President of the Board, and long family connection with the Seminary would seem to make it fitting that he should be on the Committee but I do not know that he would want to do it, or that he will be in the country."

Now that the appointments have been made and the Church notified, would it not be best to let the matter stand? If you desire, I should be very glad to make explanations to Dr. Alexander and, if you are willing, to send him a copy of our correspondence.

With kind regard,

Very sincerely yours,

RES:C.

Com. on Princeton Theo. Seminary

Mr. Speer

WDT/B

June seventeenth
1927

President Ethelbert D. Warfield, D.D.
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Warfield:

I am pleased this morning to learn from the Moderator that you are willing to accept the service on the Committee to visit Princeton Theological Seminary. I trust that you will be able to give the questions at issue a very complete study that our conclusions for the next Assembly may be right and sound both as to principle and administration measures.

I am leaving for Europe to return in September. My present feeling is that the Committee should assemble during October or not later than the first week in November and remain in session probably two days, or until we have the whole method of procedure for the year clearly in mind. I should like to avoid conflicts between the meetings of the Synods in which the members of the Committee reside and the General Council.

With assurance of esteem and best wishes, I remain,

Yours very cordially,

W. O. Thompson
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

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